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Washington DC 20420

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FOIA Request: VHA 19-05436-F

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Dear Ms. Farkus:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your March 11, 2019 requester under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5. U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Central Office FOIA Office requesting Materials from 2016 onward related to the water contamination at Camp Lejeune and its subsequent health effects on those currently or formerly stationed at Camp Lejeune. Potential documents include but are not limited to correspondences containing the keywords "illness," "water contamination," and "disability benefits," reports concerning levels of current water contamination at Camp Lejeune, and brochures/pamphlets.

Your FOIA request was received in my office on March 11, 2019 and assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. In addition, we have placed your request in the complex category.

We will search for records responsive to your FOIA request that were gathered or created by the VHA Central Office on or before March 11, 2019. When we have completed our search for records responsive to your FOIA request, we will send you another letter telling you the results of that search and our next step in processing your request.

Your request has been assigned to Angela Pluff of my staff. If you have any questions about your request, you may contact Ms. Pluff at 315-263-3653.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Sarich, JD
Director, VHA FOIA Office